



# KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to re-discover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing a prayer to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include it with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing. *(Pope Francis)*

## PRAYER TO OUR LADY

*O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.*

*“Protectress of the Roman people”, you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.*

*For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.*

**Amen.**



## ROSARY INTENTIONS

The rosary is prayed Monday – Saturday after 10 a.m. Mass & again Monday – Friday at 8 p.m. each night. If anyone would like to have the rosary prayed for a particular intention; please feel free to contact the parish office 089-4026161 or Fr. Pat 087-2300627 and let us know.

## A PRAYER FOR INNER STRENGTH

Dear God, Please give me strength to endure this situation, and to find the blessings and lessons that it contains.

Please give me the endurance to continue ahead.

Please guide my thoughts, words and actions, so that I walk your path of peace and love. Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION

St. Senan’s Primary School: The celebration of Holy Communion for the pupils from St. Senan’s Primary School was meant to take place on Saturday next 9th May at 11 a.m. We remember in a special way Ann Theresa Dembowska, Zofia Jamroz, Abigail (Abi) Kelleher, Sophie Kieran, Rachel Malone, Hannah Murphy Downes, Emma Nagle, Laura Nagle, Lilyanne O’ Brien, Zoey Russell, Saoirse Spendlove, Kathleen Tuffy, Sophia Crowley, Sadbh Killeen, Olivia Lyons, Mary Mc Namara, Róisín O’ Sullivan; Cillian Blunnie, John Browne, James Eustace, Thomas Hogan, Olaf Konieczka, Callum Lynch, Tiernan Madigan, Danny Mc Inerney, Lúcas Nolan, Oisín O’ Malley, Oisín Russell, Liam Whelan, Luke Bolton, Bradan Kenosi, Jamie Mc Inerney, Adam O’ Brien, Páraic Young. We pray that God will bless you & your families & keep you safe at this time.

## MILE BUIOCHAS

We wish to acknowledge the contributions that we received from parishioners during the week for church funds, priests’ collections & Trócaire. Thank you for your continued support & care in these difficult times. Contributions can be dropped into the sacristy after 10 a.m. mass any morning or after 10 a.m. or 12 noon mass on Sunday (via back door of Church) only if people wish to make them. May God bless you all & keep each one safe in body and mind.



## MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

Bring flowers of the rarest bring blossoms the fairest, from gardens and woodlands and hillside and dale; Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

**Chorus:** O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today! Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May. O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.

## REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK



**Pray for:** Johnny Gilsenan late of Westmeath who died recently.

**Saturday 2nd May**  
10.00am

**7.00pm** Vera O'Mahony late of Monmore  
Della & Thomas Houlihan & daughters  
Bernadette & Tina, Son in law John  
Michael (Saus) Danagher late of Chapel Drive  
Christina Carey late of Ennis Road

**Sunday 3rd May**

**10.00am** Michael Crotty late of Henry Street  
Brendan Cambell

**12noon** Mary & Paddy Shalloo late of Pella Road  
Martin Ru & Celia Clancy  
Susan Prendergast  
Martin Purtill late of Moyasta

**Monday 4th May—10.00am**

Martin Lynch late of Pella Road & Lisdoonvarna

**Tuesday 5th May—10.00am**

**Wednesday 6th May—10.00am**

**Thursday 7th May—10.00am**

Joseph Hehir late of Hector Street

**Friday 8th May—10.00am**

Tommy Purtill  
Mary Hall late of Crawford Street

**Saturday 9th May**

10.00am

7.00pm

**Sunday 10th May**

10.00am

12noon



## KILRUSH SHAMROCKS DRAW

Congratulations to this weeks annual supporter: **Matthew Bermingham**

### COVID-19 HELPLINE FOR FARMERS

Call 076 111 3533 in association with Teagasc

### WEST CLARE CANCER CENTRE

Sincere thanks to Michael Waters Spanish Point Golf Club, and his Actively Aging Group, for their fantastic donation of €520.00 to the West Clare Cancer Centre. As planned activities cannot currently go ahead, the group very kindly decided to donate their 'Away Day' monies to the Centre here in Kilkee and we are extremely grateful to them for their generosity.

### MABS

is open and money advisers are available to take your money advice queries by phone and email. You can contact your local MABS office (<http://bit.ly/2R6BayS>) or call the MABS Helpline on 0761 07 2000, Monday to Friday, from 9am to 8pm or you can check the MABS website for further updates and guidance.

### CLARE HAVEN SERVICES

Wish to advise that their services are still available to every woman who needs them. They can be contacted on their 24 hour helpline 065 6822435

### PRINTED COPIES OF THE NEWSLETTER

Are available each week from Queally's Supervalu, The Corner shop, Crowleys & Whelan's garages & Jack Kelly's Butchers.

### TODAY I SAW A NURSE

Today I saw a nurse, dressed head to toe in blue,  
A mask, a gown, some gloves, fearlessly working for me  
an you. She moved from bed to bed, tirelessly doing all  
her checks, but even in the midst of chaos her kind words  
to me have great effects.

She said I'm here beside you, please do not despair, this  
helped calm me down as my lungs gasped for air.  
No visitors can come to me, no flowers will pass my door.  
For a virus has come for us that makes our chest, throat  
& head sore.

Yet here is my little angel walking around the room, look-  
ing after us all and fighting off our gloom.  
I watched her hold a patients hand and guide them to the  
light, these nurses truly understand they're full of courage  
and might.

After each one passes she softly hides her cries. Then  
takes a little moment and mourns anyone who dies.

Today I saw a nurse, a mighty powerful person  
A hero, an angel, a friend. Helping people who have  
come to the end.

Today I saw a nurse she stayed awhile beside me, that's  
when I knew this awful curse was going to come find me.  
I thought of all my family outside and those I that I so love  
And felt a hand grab mine through a blue powdered glove

Today I saw a nurse she was there at the very end  
I felt the love pour from her as she held me like a friend.  
So do not worry friends and family, stay safe at home and  
fight, for today I saw a nurse and the light she had was  
bright.

*"We isolate now,  
so that when we gather again,  
no one is missing"*